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UNCAC IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW GROUP
NGOs BRIEFING - AGENDA
Date: *22 June 2017*
Time: *10.00 – 18.00*
Venue: *UN Vienna (Conference Room C3, C-Building)*

Time	*Discussion*
10.00 - 11.00	**Opening** **UNODC presentation and NGO questions** Chair: **Andres Lamoliatte, Vice President, COSP**
11.00 - 11.30	**NGO statements and plenary questions** Chair: **Andres Lamoliatte, Vice President, COSP**
11:30 - 13.00	**Panel 1 - *Realising potential: Taking the Review Mechanism to the next level*** *Transparency, inclusivity and effective follow up on recommendations are among the key hallmarks of a successful review mechanism. This session will draw on country-level experiences, a study on international standards, as well as lessons learnt from other international review mechanisms, to explore how the UNCAC IRM can realise its full potential, particularly through openness and civil society participation. The discussion is particularly timely given the current 2nd review cycle and its focus on the access to information and participation of society commitments.* Moderator: Juanita Olaya, **UNCAC Coalition** • Gillian Dell, **Transparency International** • Drago Kos, **OECD Working Group on Bribery** • Veronica Cretu, **Open Government Partnership** • Government representative
13.00 - 15.00	**LUNCH**
15.00 - 16.30	**Panel 2 – *Effective, accountable and transparent asset return: The need for guiding principles*** *Resolution 6/3 of the last COSP and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda call for the development of good practice in returning assets. An important step towards that goal was the recent Addis Ababa Meeting of Experts, and to support its discussions, the UNCAC Coalition identified clear principles for good practice to ensure accountable asset return. This session will provide a forum for both civil society and government representatives to engage on what good practice in the context of asset return consists of, and what further steps should be taken by the international community to ensure fair and effective outcomes.*

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	Moderator: Susan Hawley, **Corruption Watch** • Cynthia Gabriel, **C4 Malaysia** • Phil Mason, **UX government** • Salome Steib, **Swiss government** • Juliet Ibekaku, **Nigerian government** (tbc) • Lilia Carasciuc, **Transparency International Moldova**
16.30 – 17.45	**Panel 3 - *Are global standards effective in fighting money laundering?*** *Ongoing cases and staggering amounts of funds estimated to be laundered worldwide call into question the effectiveness of the international anti-money laundering framework and related monitoring processes. This session will explore the key dynamics and weaknesses of the current system, and focus on how CSOs can work with their governments to strengthen mechanisms, both through the current instruments and new initiatives.* Moderator: Christine Clough, **Global Financial Integrity** • Laure Brillaud, **Transparency International EU** • Bettina Hörtner, **Transparency International Austria** • Tanja Santucci, **UNODC** • Government representative
17.45 – 18.00	**NGO statements (closing)** Chair: **Andres Lamoliatte, Vice President, COSP**